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25X1X The following are alleged to be excerpts of a KKE (Greek Communist Party) proclamation dated 16 September 1951:

1. "The post-election period gives rise to responsibilities which fall heavily upon all Party and extra-Party organizations.
2. "The Party organizations proved incapable because of their sectarian stand which is still to be seen in the Party organizations of Athens. To this can be attributed the sluggishness that exists in all sectors of the Party organizations.

"Duties of the Post-Election Period

3. "The ninth of September was the first step. The elections with EDA in the vanguard were the biggest slap in the face of the monarcho-fascists - Papagos and company - with the crushing defeat of the monarcho-fascists and with the victory given by our people to DEMOCRACY, AMNESTY, and PEACE. Party organizations did not succeed in purging the so-called democratic but really crypto-fascist elements and agents at the very beginning, when these organizations could have succeeded in creating a Pan-Democratic Front from the Democratic Left.
4. "The responsibilities which the Party organizations did not grasp are as follows. They did not have foresight, and they formed EDA from various adventurist elements who were offered as candidates for Parliament throughout Greece. Such were Kokorelis, Despotopoulos, Simitzis, Basiakos, Koundouros, Kladakis and a whole series of other soi-disant democrats who are still posing as members of EDA, whereas they are in fact saboteurs and emasculators of EDA.
5. "Lately it has been observed that all these opportunists, agents of the Americans and of the Security Police, are bent on new divisive activities. In particular, Kyrkos and Basiakos are trying to create a separate democratic camp with the purpose of isolating and defaming. They even traduce the elected members of Parliament by saying that they are representatives of KKE and are splitting the United Democratic Forces. Party organizations must beware of these opportunists. It must purge the Democratic Front with careful tactics.

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"Responsibilities of EDA

6. "All progressive democratic elements, whether they have signed renunciations (of KKE) or not, must be brought within the framework (of EDA). Neighborhood offices of EDA must be created in all villages and in the cities. Tested men of KKE will be put at the head of these offices, and they will constitute its representation. The Executive Committee of an office will consist of the following: a member of a labor union, a doctor, an intellectual, a laborer, and of women who will be given the recognition of official representation. Thus the KKE shall sift every person who enters the offices of EDA through a double sieve.

"Trade Union Sector

7. "Communists and those who sympathize with them will enter the trade unions, whether they belong to Labor Centers or not. They should join trade unions of the Labor Center and form strong union 'fraxia' (penetration cells) which are to be under the control of one Party official through the contact which he will have both inside and outside the Labor Centers. As for the most recent tactics which appear as the United Trade Union Coalition, let them, too, take care to stop the struggle outside the trade unions to a small extent only. They must push these persons one by one towards entrance into the Labor Centers. In these unions we shall find all the starving laborers regardless of whether they are members of 'X', nationalists, or anything else.
8. "There the KKE shall find the men with whom it shall create the United Patriotic Front. Through it the Party shall hold high its economic demands and take hold of the laborer-clerk class fearlessly, courageously, heroically. The foreign element, the third occupation - the American one - is solely responsible for the whole condition and misery of the Greek people.
9. "Groups must be formed that will have a purely anti-American character. Their purpose will be to compel the Americans to leave Greece, so that all our economic problems - wheat, tobacco, rice, and olive oil - will be solved. The United Democratic Front must be transformed into a reality by the earnest carrying out of the above decision. Just as we fought during the Italian, German and Bulgarian occupation of Greece, so we shall fight to liberate our people and to drive out the new imperialists."

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